

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation

Statewide Big Game Hunting Seasons And Bag Limit
(Exclusive of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges)

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the statewide big game seasons and bag limits, effective August 1, 2006.

Section I. White-tailed Deer

A. White-tailed Deer Hunting Units

For the purpose of these hunting regulations and better wildlife management, the State of Tennessee is hereby divided into three (3) deer units, as follows:

Unit

- A. Benton, Bledsoe, Bradley, Chester, Clay, Crockett, Decatur, DeKalb, Dyer, ~~Franklin~~, Gibson, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Houston, Jackson, Lake, Lauderdale, Marion, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Obion, Overton, Perry, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Shelby, ~~Smith~~, Stewart, Tipton, Van Buren, Warren, White.
- B. Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Pickett, Polk, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.
- L. Bedford, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, **Franklin**, Giles, Hardeman, Henry, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Maurry, Montgomery, Moore, Robertson, Rutherford, **Smith**, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Weakley, Williamson, Wilson.

B. White-tailed Deer Bag Limits and Season Dates

Statewide - Antlered Buck Bag Limit

The statewide bag limit for antlered bucks in Tennessee is three (3), except a hunter may take no more than two (2) antlered bucks from Unit B. No more than 1 antlered deer may be taken per day. The only way the bag limit of three antlered bucks may be exceeded is if bucks are taken on TWRA or NWR managed hunts where the bucks are noted as bonus deer in the section listing WMA regulations. Deer taken on Ft. Campbell are also bonus deer.

Units A and L - Bag Limits:

Season Type	Season Dates	Antlered Bag Limit		Antlerless Bag Limits	
		Unit A	Unit L	Unit A	Unit L
Archery	Sept. 23, 2006 - Oct. 27, 2006 Oct. 30, 2006 - Nov. 3, 2006 Nov. 11, 2006 - Nov. 17, 2006 Dec. 11, 2006 - Dec. 15, 2006	2	2	4	3/day
Muzzleloader	Nov. 4, 2006 - Nov. 10, 2006 Dec. 4, 2006 - Dec. 10, 2006	1	2	4	3/day
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Gun	Nov. 18, 2006 - Dec. 3, 2006 Dec. 16, 2006 - Jan. 7, 2007	2	2	See Quota Hunt Table – Section C for antlerless hunts	3/day* (Type 94 permit required)
Young Sportsman**	Oct. 28 – Oct. 29, 2006	1	1	2	2
	Jan. 13 – Jan 14, 2007	1	1	2	2

Unit B - Bag Limits:

Season Type	Season Dates	Deer Bag Limits (see Note below)
		Unit B
Archery	Sept. 23, 2006 - Oct. 27, 2006 Oct. 30, 2006 - Nov. 3, 2006 Nov. 11, 2006 - Nov. 17, 2006	2 deer, either sex
Muzzleloader	Nov. 4, 2006 - Nov. 10, 2006	1 deer, antlered only (this deer may be either sex Nov. 4-6)
	Dec. 8, 2006 - Dec. 10, 2006	1 deer, antlered only
Gun	Nov. 18, 2006 - Nov. 26, 2006 Dec. 16, 2006 - Jan. 3, 2007	2 deer, antlered only See Quota Hunt Table – Section C for antlerless hunts
Young Sportsman**	Oct. 28 – Oct. 29, 2006	1 deer, either sex
	Jan. 13 – Jan 14, 2007	1 deer, either sex

* A Type 94 permit is required to hunt antlerless deer during this season except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204), Sportsman license holders (including Lifetime Sportsman), and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.

** Youths 6-16 years of age may participate. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting, adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters.

Note: The statewide antlered buck limit is three (3), except no more than two (2) antlered bucks may be harvested in Unit B. Antlered deer must have antlers a minimum of three inches (3") in length on buck only or antlered only hunts. Antlerless deer are defined as deer with no antlers or deer with antlers less than three inches (3") in length.

C. Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Hunts

The following counties and portions of counties are open to antlerless deer hunting during the regular gun season as specified.

Quota Hunts -- *Special quota permit required, except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204).* Bag limit-one deer per permit except where noted.

Note: ~~Anderson and~~ Blount ~~and Knox~~ county allow a bag limit of 2 deer per permit.

~~Franklin and Smith~~ **Houston and Stewart** county allow a bag limit of 3 deer per permit.

Non-quota Hunts -- *No hunter quota but a Type 94 permit is required except for landowners hunting on their own land, Sportsman license holders (including Lifetime Sportsman), and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.*

Note: Unit A & B: the bag limit for each county for each non-quota hunt is defined in the Table.

Unit L: a hunter may harvest 3 antlerless deer per day during the regular gun season.

	Quota Hunts						Non-Quota Hunts		
COUNTY	Nov 18- Nov 19	Nov 20- Nov 23	Nov 24- Nov 28	Nov 29- Dec 3	Dec 16- Dec 18	Dec 16- Dec 24	Dec 16 – Dec 22	Dec 23 – Dec 29	Dec 30 – Jan 7
	NUMBER OF PERMITS PER HUNT						NUMBER OF DEER PER HUNT		
Anderson¹					200 250	200			
Benton								2	2
Blount² *					100	100 200			
Bradley		500	500						
Carter ³					100				
Chester	100						2	2	2
Claiborne					250				
Clay			200				2		
Crockett									2
Cumberland					100				
Decatur							2	2	2
DeKalb								2	2
Dyer									2
Fentress					100				
Franklin**	1200	1200	1200	1200			3	3	3
Gibson				100			2	2	2
Grainger					250				
Greene ³					100				
Hamblen					100				
Hamilton		500	500						
Hancock					250				
Hardin			400	400			2	2	2
Hawkins						1000			
Hawkins⁴									
Haywood		400	400	400			2	2	2
Henderson							2	2	2
Houston **	250 800	800	800	800			2 3	2 3	2 3
Jackson			200						
Jefferson					250				
Johnson ³					100				
Knox *					250	250			
Lake									2
Lauderdale									2
Loudon					100				

1 Anderson County East of Interstate 75 only State Highway 330 and east of Briceville Highway only.

2 Blount County West of Highway 411 and east of Highway 129.

3 Excludes Cherokee WMA.

4 Holston Army Plant - ~~Two quota hunts on Nov. 18 and Nov. 19. 80 Hunter quota.~~

~~Two quota hunts on Nov. 25 and Nov 26. 80 Hunter quota.~~

Four one day hunts: Nov. 18, 19, 25 and 26. 80 Hunter quota each.

Bag limit 2 antlerless deer per permit on all hunts

Note: Holston Army Ammunition Plant – additional installation permit fee required if drawn

	Quota Hunts						Non-Quota Hunts		
COUNTY	Nov 18- Nov 19	Nov 20- Nov 23	Nov 24- Nov 28	Nov 29- Dec 3	Dec 16- Dec 18	Dec 16- Dec 24	Dec 16 – Dec 22	Dec 23 – Dec 29	Dec 30 – Jan 7
McMinn		500 -750	500 -750						
McNairy				200			2	2	2
Marion			500						
Meigs		500 -750	500 -750						
Obion							2	2	2
Overton			200	200			2		
Perry								2	2
Rhea		500 -750	500 -750						
Roane		500 -750	500 -750						
Sevier ⁵					100				
Shelby								2	2
Smith**	750	750	750	750			3	3	3
Stewart **	200 800	200 800	200 800	200 800			2 3	2 3	2 3
Sullivan³					250	250			
Van Buren			300						
Warren								2	2
White			500						

* - Indicates bag limit of 2 deer per permit for quota hunts.

** - Indicates bag limit of 3 deer per permit for quota hunts.

D. Special Regulations

- Big Game Tagging – It is unlawful to move, transport, or field dress any big game animal, except for feral hogs, without invalidating and attaching a properly completed temporary kill tag. If additional animals are to be harvested on that calendar day, the hunter is not required to stop hunting and tag the animal until he/she is ready to move, transport, or field dress the animal. All animals harvested must be accompanied by one tagged animal and must be taken together to the nearest big game checking station by the most reasonably direct route where one new temporary kill tag will be issued. The permanent harvest tag is a legal document and must be signed by the hunter. By signing the permanent harvest tag, the hunter is affirming that the information, as it appears on the permanent tag, is correct and valid. The permanent game tag must remain with each carcass until final processing. Persons legally hunting without a license are also required to take any big game animal harvested to a check station. After receiving a temporary harvest tag from checking in their first kill, these persons must comply with all tagging regulations. All big game taken to a taxidermist to be mounted must be accompanied by documentation showing the permanent game tag number, checking station number, and date of kill.

Section II. Feral Hog Seasons (No hunting with dogs allowed except where indicated.)

Feral hogs are defined as any wild hog found in Tennessee except on Catoosa, South Cherokee, ~~Cove Mtn~~, and Foothills WMA's. Feral hogs are considered big game but are not required to be tagged or checked in at big game checking stations.

³ Excludes Cherokee WMA.

⁵ Sevier County North of Highway 411.

Private lands (Public Hunting Areas are considered private land)

Year round season, except in holdings on Catoosa WMA and South Cherokee where season is open with statewide deer seasons with no dogs. No limit -either sex

Publicly owned lands

Open during scheduled white-tailed deer hunts unless otherwise specified. No limit -either sex

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is also open from Jan. 17-Feb. 28, 2007. No limit -either sex

In the following counties dogs may be used for feral hog hunting on the dates indicated⁶:

Monroe

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Oct. 9-16, 2006
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Sept. 25-Oct 1, 2006
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, ~~Greene~~, Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy. 411 & North of Hwy. 64), Sevier, ~~Unicoi~~, and ~~Washington~~

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 13-14, 2006
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Blount, Cocke, Monroe, Polk (East of Hwy. 411 & North of Hwy. 64), Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 30- Dec. 13, 2006
(Dogs Permitted) No limit-Either Sex

Section III. Bear.

The Following Counties Are Open For Bear Hunting⁷:

Blount, **Carter**, Cocke, Greene, **Johnson**, Monroe, **Polk (that portion east of Hwy. 411 and north of Hwy 64)**, Sevier, **Sullivan (that portion east of I-81)**, Unicoi, and Washington

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 13-14, 2006
(Dogs Permitted) 1 per year-Either Sex

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery Nov. 25-Nov. 26, 2006
(No Dogs) 1 per year-Either Sex

⁶ Dates inclusive.

Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Polk (that portion north of Hwy 64), Sevier, Sullivan (that portion east of I-81), Unicoi, and Washington.

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Nov. 30- Dec. 13, 2006
1 per year-Either Sex.

Blount, Cocke (South of I-40), and Sevier

Gun-Muzzleloader-Archery
(Dogs Permitted)

Sept. 25-Oct 1, 2006
1 per year-Either Sex.

Blount and Sevier

Archery Only
(No Dogs)

Oct. 7-15, 2006
1 per year-Either Sex.

The Following Counties Are Open For A Bear Dog Training Season:

Cocke, Greene, and Sevier Counties.

Sept. 5-18, 2006. No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed. Daylight hours only.

The Following Counties Are Open For A Bear Dog Training Season (Private lands only):

Blount, Carter, Johnson, Sullivan (that portion east of I-81), Unicoi, and Washington

Sept. 5-18, 2006. No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed. Daylight hours only.

Special Bear Hunting Regulations:

1. The limit of bears for any person participating in the statewide or managed hunts or both shall not exceed one (1) bear per calendar year.
2. Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as any bear weighing seventy-five (75) pounds or less.
3. All harvested bears must be checked out at an official bear checking station designated by TWRA. Bears may be whole or field dressed, but must weigh 75 pounds or greater when checked in.
4. Officially harvested bears must be checked out at an official bear checking station.

Section IV. Fall Turkey (Shotgun/Archery)

The following counties are open for archery only fall turkey hunting during fall archery only deer seasons. Bag limit for this season is one turkey either-sex. These same counties are open for one quota gun fall turkey hunt on Nov 11-17 with a bag limit of one turkey either-sex per permit with the exception that those counties indicated by an asterisk (*) are open Nov. 11-17 and Dec. 11-15 and have a bag limit of 2 either sex turkeys per permit.

Bedford*

800 Hunter Quota

Benton

50 Hunter Quota

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Cannon*	400 Hunter Quota
Carroll	50 Hunter Quota
Carter	50 Hunter Quota
Cheatham*	500 Hunter Quota
Claiborne	100 Hunter Quota
Clay	50 Hunter Quota
Cocke	100 Hunter Quota
Coffee*	400 Hunter Quota
Davidson	100 Hunter Quota
Decatur	50 Hunter Quota
DeKalb*	500 Hunter Quota
Dickson*	1500 Hunter Quota
Fayette	100 Hunter Quota
Fentress	50 Hunter Quota
Franklin*	600 Hunter Quota
Giles*	1000 Hunter Quota
Grainger	100 Hunter Quota
Greene	150 Hunter Quota
Hamblen	50 Hunter Quota
Hancock	100 Hunter Quota
Hardeman	50 Hunter Quota
Hardin	50 Hunter Quota
Hawkins	150 Hunter Quota
Henderson	50 Hunter Quota
Henry	100 Hunter Quota
Hickman*	1000 Hunter Quota
Houston	100 Hunter Quota
Humphreys	100 Hunter Quota
Jackson	50 Hunter Quota
Jefferson	100 Hunter Quota
Johnson	50 Hunter Quota
Lawrence*	800 400 Hunter Quota

Lewis	600 300 Hunter Quota
Lincoln*	1200 Hunter Quota
Macon*	400 Hunter Quota
Madison	100 Hunter Quota
Marion*	300 Hunter Quota
Marshall*	1000 750 Hunter Quota
Maury*	1000 600 Hunter Quota
McNairy	50 Hunter Quota
Montgomery*	1200 Hunter Quota
Moore	300 Hunter Quota
Morgan	50 Hunter Quota
Overton	50 Hunter Quota
Perry	50 Hunter Quota
Pickett	50 Hunter Quota
Putnam	50 Hunter Quota
Robertson*	800 Hunter Quota
Rutherford*	800 Hunter Quota
Scott	50 Hunter Quota
Sevier	100 Hunter Quota
Smith*	500 Hunter Quota
Stewart	100 Hunter Quota
Sullivan	50 Hunter Quota
Sumner*	600 Hunter Quota
Trousdale*	750 Hunter Quota
Union	50 Hunter Quota
Warren	300 Hunter Quota
Wayne*	500 Hunter Quota
Weakley	50 Hunter Quota
White	200 100 Hunter Quota
Williamson*	1000 500 Hunter Quota
Wilson*	750 Hunter Quota

Section V. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamations No. 05-13, dated May 19, 2005.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 18th day of May, 2006.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ___ day of _____, 2006.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Proclamation No. 06-XX received and recorded this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Riley C. Darnell, Secretary of State